

Hear Dr. W. Sampson Brooks, Financial King, Allen Chapel, Monday Night

SIGNS OF SPRING

Go way, Nigrah, spring's done come,
Wintah sho is on de bum;
Robin tell me? Nary whit,
Red birds wabble, not a bit;
I got signs what fills de bill,
Annul summons on de "Hill."

Go on coon, I guess I know,
Spring's driv' wintah out de do
Sprouting Grass? You lose agin,
Busting buds? You's full o' gin,
I got signs what fill de bill,
Annul summons on de "Hill."

Take away yo' grass an' trees,
Take away you birds an' bees
Take away yo' new spring clothes
And yo' seeds what nebbur grows,
Cause my signs jes' fills de bill,
Annul summons on de "Hill."

VINE STREET BAPTIST CHURCH.

Morning and evening services were well attended. The pastor, Dr. T. H. Ewing, preached at both services. Those present enjoyed two wonderful sermons. The Sunday school stands at the head of the column in Kansas City and is still growing. Everybody is invited to attend. The B. Y. P. U. at 5:30 is doing fine under the leadership of Deacon Thos. Pollard. Many important subjects are being discussed each Sabbath. Mrs. Thos. Glenn spent a few days in Higginsville, Mo., visiting her grandmother and reports a pleasant trip. Mrs. Glenn's grandmother is 125 years of age and in fair health. Don't forget the Woman's Mission Circle which meets every Tuesday evening. All are invited to attend. The Hospital Committee, the first Monday night in April.

WHAT IS MAN?

By Wm. Stiffs, an International Bible Student who will soon appear before the public.

Man is a living soul and God formed him of the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life and man became a living soul. The word soul came from the Hebrew word "Nephesh." It signifies "sentient being," the Greek word "psyche" having the same meaning. Genesis 2:7; 1:26. Note the text, "Whoever will have his life shall lose it, and he that loses his life for my sake shall save it." Mark 8:35 (Soul) (being) without the body and the breath there could not be a soul; the union of the breath of life or (spirit of life) and the body completed the living soul. To separate the body and spirit would reduce the condition of man to where he was before he was created. A great mistake has been made in thinking that soul and spirit are the same. The Hebrew word (soul) spirit signifies animating power. The Greek word pneuma has the same meaning. "The wind bloweth where it listeth, thou canst hear the sound thereof, but cannot tell from whence it comes or whither it goeth." St. John 3:8. In this



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Presiding Bishop of the Rocky Mountain Conference.

Gospel age Christ is selecting a special class to reign with him. He is pouring his holy spirit on his servants and hand maidens. Acts 2:17. Joel 2:28. When Christ cometh the second time he will bind Satan for one thousand years so he will not deceive the Nations. Rev. 20:1-3. The Holy Spirit will be the means of reconciliation between God and the Sinner; "After those days I will pour my spirit upon all flesh." Acts 2:17. Joel 2:28-29. Satan has deceived the world ever since he crept into the garden of Eden when he told the first lie. Genesis 3:4. St. John 8:44. Why should we becloud ourselves with that unscriptural doctrine based on a misconception of eternal torment? Fear not him that can kill the body, but fear him who is able to destroy soul and body in hell." Matt. 10:28-28.

Christ will bind Satan hand and foot and he will sit on the throne and judge the world. Rev. 20:4. "God has appointed a day in which he will judge the world in righteousness." Acts 17:31 "For the earth shall be full of the knowledge of God as the waters that cover the sea." Habak. 2:14. We know that sin has reigned for six thousand years, which is six great days of a thousand years each, but Christ will reign the seventh day, and bless the world of mankind. Rev. 20:4-7.

NOTE—In last week's translation of the word pit it should have been three times instead of twenty.



REV. WM. H. THOMAS, D. D.
The brilliant pastor of Allen Chapel, who has made an unequalled record in the four months he has been pastor of this great church.

NIGHT SCHOOL CLOSING AT LINCOLN HIGH SCHOOL, MONDAY EVENING, MARCH 23.

It was refreshing to hear the entertaining program of the pupils of the Night School. It was inspiring to see these fullgrown people receive certificates attesting their proficiency in certain lines of effort. Mrs. Laura McDonald and Miss Margaret Buford received certificates for their three years' work in catering. Mr. E. Davis Bennett, Mrs. Rosa L. Countee and Miss Hazel McFadden were awarded certificates for the successful completion of the intermediate course in bookkeeping.

Space will permit but to mention the display in Manual Training, Sewing, Raffle, Shorthand, Bookkeeping, Typewriting, Cooking and the common branches done by these grown people at night. These and more extensive courses will be open to the grownups of Kansas City next year free of an attendance of sixty days is registered. Possibly the most attractive department will be the course of "Discussion of Topics of the Day," based on the Literary Digest. It may be that the brilliant Professor Grisham can be prevailed upon to conduct this course. It is the earnest desire of the school authorities that this splendidly appointed building be a light house, reflecting its brilliance in every Negro home.

R. F. QUINN,
who is forming commercial clubs, will give an entertainment at the Second Baptist Church, Tenth and Charlotte streets. Refreshments to be served for the benefit of the church beginning promptly at 8 p. m., April 2d. Admission 10 cents.

HIGHLAND AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH, 1111 HIGHLAND AVENUE.

We had excellent services all day last Sunday. Attendance was extraordinarily good. Collection for the day was \$27.74. "Glory to God in the Highest." Order of services: Sunday March 29, 9:30 a. m., Sunday school; 11 a. m., sermon by Pastor Mills, subject, "Christ the Head of the Church;" 4:30 p. m., B. Y. P. U.; 8 p. m., Preaching by Pastor Mills, subject, "Choice of Moses." On Monday night, the 30th, we began a week of prayer and praise services preparatory to entering into our spring revival which begins Sunday night the 29th. I wish to make special mention of the Literary and Devotional features of our B. Y. P. U. The officers and members are to be commended for the extraordinary amount of interest which they are manifesting and the untiring efforts they are putting forth to make this the greatest Auxiliary of our church. You should not fail to attend their meetings, 5:03 p. m. Mondays. The public in general is cordially invited to attend all of our services.

B. J. KNOX,
Reporter.



"BISHOP" S. H. P. EDWARDS, D. D.
Presiding Bishop of the Progressive Conference.

Miss Hazel V. Bean, one of Kansas City's most popular young ladies who has been seriously ill for more than four weeks is reported much improved and her friends hope for her speedy recovery.

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At 2:00 O'clock P. M.

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Grand Chancellor G. Worthy Counselor

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DR. A. S. GILLESPIE,

Master of Ceremonies

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"BISHOP" ROBT. SNEED, D. D.
Presiding Bishop of the Earthquake Conference.

A SUCCESSFUL AGENT.

In a company doing business in every state in the Union composed of some of the best writers the country affords, the printed records sent to all parts of the United States on new business last February gave E. A. Robinson first place in Missouri and third place in the entire country. Robinson's special agency commission giving him permission to use his own trained assistants under his immediate superintendency. Mr. G. F. Porter is director of Kansas and Missouri divisions of the Standard Life Insurance Company. Mr. Robinson's commission granted him by Mr. Herman E. Perry, president of the Standard Life under the supervision of Mr. G. Porter is a distinct recognition of local merit. Mr. Robinson's entire force consists of Kansas City boys. The selection of Robinson by Mr. Perry and Mr. Porter is a chance given to home talent regarding where reward is due and inspiring hope and confidence.

NOTICE.

The Benefit Dance for the Hod Carriers' Hall was a great success. It was largely attended by the best colored people of Kansas City. Everyone was well pleased with the excellent string music and the famous Crosthwaite punch. Something over \$40 was realized which will be used in beautifying and enlarging the ladies' dressing room of this splendid hall. This was the first of a series of entertainments planned by Dr. Theo. Smith and Mrs. D. N. Crosthwaite for that purpose.

Mr. Harry Bean, 1009 Euclid avenue is quite ill again.



"BISHOP" JAS. H. CREWS, D. D.
Presiding Bishop of the Nightingale Conference.

MRS CLAYBROOK DIES SUDDENLY

Mrs. Mollie Claybrooks, wife of Wm. Claybrooks, died very suddenly Thursday night at 9 p. m. at Mrs. Witney's, on Pacific near Tracy, after a few moments' illness. She had started to visit a neighbor when she was suddenly stricken at Fifth and Tracy and was assisted by passersby to the house of Mrs. Witney, where she died before medical attention could be given her. She was a member of Centennial M. E. church and the Court of Calanthe and S. M. T. Funeral will be Sunday, March 29.



REV. W. SAMPSON BROOKS, D. D.

Pastor of St. Paul's Chapel, St. Louis, Mo., and the undisputed financial king of the race, whose magnificent achievement in raising \$14,500 cash in one rally at his church last summer stands unsurpassed in Negro church history. Orator, scholar and traveler, who has preached from Mars Hill, who has dipped up water from the River Jordan, who has stood on the spot where Paul made his famous address before Agrippa and who has stood uncovered on the mountain where our Blessed Savior was crucified. His book of "What a Black Man Saw in a White Man's Country," is one of the most interesting contributions to race literature of the century. Every Negro, man, woman and child in greater Kansas City, should hear him Monday night, March 30th, at Allen Chapel at 8:30 p. m., under the auspices of the Nine Mock Conferences of the Church.

CENTENNIAL M. E. CHURCH.

A lively week closes conference year at Centennial M. E. church.... The Annual Bazaar and a splendid reception to Rev. Richard Davis, pastor and wife. Church literally jammed.... The Ladies' Aid, sponsor for the brilliant close.

A lively week indeed marked the close of the conference year at Centennial Methodist Episcopal church, 19th and Woodland avenue. The Annual Bazaar, consisting of three nights entertainment, proved a delightful affair and a profitable one as well, the ladies clearing \$65.62. The reception to the pastor, Rev. Richard Davis and his wife, may truthfully be characterized as overwhelming. At least 500 persons crowded the seating capacity of the Auditorium to the extent that additional chairs had to be brought in. A splendid program was rendered and the dainties of the season were served. The church was beautifully decorated. The color scheme was pink and white. Dr. Davis closed six years of successful service and these 500 guests, consisting of members and friends from practically every denomination in this city, were out, not to bid him goodbye, but to bid him, if possible, to return. Just 742 additions have been made to the membership during his pastorate, bringing the present membership up to 880. In the year just closed 168 persons joined the church, and without any attempt at a rally \$3,700 was raised. The trustees are now planning an Anniversary for the latter part of April, to celebrate the 34th year of the organization of the church in Kansas City in connection with which the first big rally in two years will be carried out. The Ladies' Aid Society, composed of some of the most talented ladies of Centennial's membership, was sponsor for the brilliant fetes which marked the close of the conference year. Rev. Davis and wife left for Fulton Tuesday morning, to attend the annual conference. Two features full of touching sentiment in connection with Monday night's reception, was the presentation of flowers to Rev. Davis by five small Sunday School children, each of whom recited appropriate verses, and the presentation of \$10 by the Ladies' Aid Societies to Rev. A. J. Williams of Clarks Chapel Mission, 17th and Madison avenue.



"BISHOP" GEO. W. TEETERS, D. D.
Presiding Bishop of the Turnout Conference.

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"BISHOP" WM. H. DAWLEY, JR., LL. D.
Presiding Bishop of the Matter of Fact Conference.



REV. E. S. WILLETT,
Rector of St. Augustine's P. E. Church, who will deliver the Annual Sermon to the K. of P. and O. O. C.

Rev. E. S. Willett, who is to preach the annual sermon for the K. of P. on Sunday afternoon is a Pythian of high rank. He is a Past Chancellor, a member of the Uniform Rank and Chaplain of the Second Regiment of Missouri. He is a preacher of extraordinary ability, being an eloquent and convincing speaker of magnetic temperament. Father Willett, as he is called by all who know him, is an Episcopalian of the Catholic type, but very popular among ministers of all denominations, because of his broad sympathy and appreciation of all Christian people. He is a strong race man and is identified with almost every movement in the community for the improvement of conditions among our people. He is a Mason of high degree and a member of Ideal Lodge No. 70. Father Willett enjoys an unusual degree of reverence and respect from all classes of men in the two Kansas Cities and is pre-eminently strong among the young people and children. In his own denomination he is recognized as one of their ablest clergymen and holds the confidence of a dozen or more of the most prominent Episcopal Bishops. Strong and self confident, he is modest and unobtrusive; sympathetic, tender and intensely religious. He is the pastor of St. Augustine's P. E. Church and during his seven years of leadership has made its influence to be felt in this community as it never had been before. He is a man of the people who lives for the people and is appreciated by the people.

I want to personally thank Prof. G. N. Grisham, Mrs. L. P. Bradley, Mrs. John Lange, Miss Grace Dusen, and the Kansas City Sun and all those who attended the recent Benefit Dance for their efforts in making it such a glorious success.
Respectfully,
DR. THEO. SMITH.

Everybody is invited to hear the brilliant lecture by Dr. W. Sampson Brooks, D. D., of St. Louis, Mo., on "What a Black Man Saw in a White Man's Country," Monday night, March 30th at 8:30 p. m. Admission 25 cents. Under the auspices of the Nine Bishops of the Nine Mock Conferences, for the benefit of their great financial rally now going on.



"BISHOP" F. G. GILMORE, D. D.
Presiding Bishop of the Cyclone Conference.

MASONIC.

If in presenting such matters as extra assessments and other grand taxes to the lodges the masters would keep in mind the fact that they themselves are members of the body which set the requirements, there would be less chance for misunderstanding. As a rule the master is responsible for a grumbling, discontented craft. If he puts on a long face whenever he speaks of grand lodge or grand officers, the members will do likewise; but if he wisely demonstrates that fine devotion which he owes, being a member of the grand lodge as well as the subordinate, he will have no trouble in his function as a connecting link between the two.

As a rule Masons are very stingy concerning their charities and benevolences, though they talk more about them than anyone else. It is also true that in every community the Masonic lodge always contains the most prosperous and substantial citizens, able to make the lodge shine out in all its glory of good works. But they don't do it. Usually it is the fault of the leaders who all fall into the rut of narrowness and short-sightedness. If Masonry means anything, it means breadth, liberality, generosity and wide benevolence.

DISTURBING THE MUSES.

By CHAS. A. STARKES.
All was quiet in the land of thought, Sweet Poets, Hushed and awed with its own silence, sought no release, God's goodness was proclaimed and the Angels sang.
"Hail to Thy Name!" the softened echoes rang.
Except this singing, now and anon, not a sound.
Reverberated, while Harmony looked around.
The Muses were asleep, they gave us not one lay.
No lofty work to do they had nothing more to say.
All was silence, 'till a preacher broke the spell,
And said, "Away with this Peace! Let's talk of war!"

The die was cast, and my! such shoddy stuff!
Some said, "The real," while others said, "A mere bluff!"
Some vowed for earth as being the questioned place,
Others said, "The yet to come to this ignoble race."
While many contended that only Satan will dwell
Where the Brimstone wrecks, and the raving flames swell.
But the latest effusion is from a fiery pen.
Which would set the Mind right concerning that "den."
He tips the Preaching One into the smallest thread,
And rides majestically along as his Wisdom sheds.

"Hell is no burning place," says that Wonderful Man,
And proceeds to riddle the barbarous plan.
But not without a certain homastic style
Which outstrips egotism, one proverbial mile.
"O recognized Genius in Oratory," "Imperative One!"
No stellar light is thine; but an embazoned Sun,
We all were groping in dark ignorant night.
"Till you designed us one beam from your terrible light."
The Muses are re-awaken'd from a restless sleep.
By strange reflections on the much harrassed deep.
But this on this, if God is Everywhere,
Where is that "place" where he is not there?
If he is good, All-powerful and real,
To what other power can Man appeal?
Yet some would corrupt Heaven and impugn its laws,
And give to Eternal Truth their mortal flaws!
But God's ways are lofty and purer than the snow
And they are not hidden to those who would meekly know.
But because of Mortal pride He has wisely concealed
This pure conception, and unto Babes revealed.

SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH NOTES

At the Second Baptist Church last Sunday the services were largely attended. Sunday, March 29, Rev. S. W. Racote, the pastor, will preach Sunday morning from "John the Baptist," or "The Voice in the Wilderness." Don't forget the Oratorio "The seven last words of Christ," April 9.

Music furnished by capable pianist for parties, receptions, teas, etc. Also instruction given beginners on the piano forte.
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BLIND BOONE SERIOUSLY ILL.
Decatur, Ill.—Blind Boone, the world's famous musician, is seriously ill in this city with erysipelas of the head. He is receiving every possible care at the hands of his manager, Mr. Jno. Lange, and two of Decatur's most prominent physicians. His wife has arrived from Columbia, Mo., to attend his bedside. Blind Boone also had the misfortune last week to lose his team of fine horses, rigs, harness and barn in a fire at his home. The company has cancelled its engagements for ten days.

FOR SALE TO COLORED PEOPLE.

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"BISHOP" R. T. COLES, LL. D.
Presiding Bishop of the Bull Moose Conference.